

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 are pending in the application and are presented for reconsideration. The remaining independent claims are claims 1 and 8.

By the foregoing amendments, claims 1, 2, 3, 8, 15 and 17 are sought to be amended. These changes are believed not to introduce new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested. The claims have been amended merely to clarify the claims and expedite the prosecution of the application, not to overcome any cited references.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that the application is in condition for allowance except for various formal matters. Applicant has amended claims 1, 2, 3, 8, 15 and 17 and believes that the objections to claims 1-18 have been overcome.

Based on the above Amendment and the following Remarks, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding objections and rejections, and withdraw them.

Conclusion

Applicant believes that all of the stated grounds of objection and rejection set forth by the Examiner in the Office Action have been properly accommodated or addressed. Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and withdraw them. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned representative if it is felt that an interview might be useful for any reason.

Respectfully submitted
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